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August 2011 Labor Report

Highlights

- According to August 2011 estimates, Kansas gained 2,500 private sector jobs over the month. Overall, Kansas gained 2,100 nonfarm jobs over the month, a 0.2 percent increase.
- Over the year, Kansas has lost 1,700 nonfarm jobs, but private sector jobs were up by 3,100 since August 2010.
- The August 2011 unemployment rate in Kansas was 6.9 percent, up from 6.8 percent in July 2011 and down from 7.1 percent in August 2010.
- The August 2011 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7 percent, up from 6.5 percent in July 2011 and down from 7.0 percent in August 2010.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

- Four of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-month job gains. These gains were greatest in the following areas:
 - Professional and business services gained 3,700 jobs, a 2.6 percent increase. These jobs were primarily in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.
 - Leisure and hospitality gained 1,900 jobs, a 1.7 percent increase. Gains were spread throughout the sector.
 - Manufacturing gained 400 jobs, a 0.2 percent increase, mainly in transportation equipment manufacturing.
- Six of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-month job losses. These were in:
 - Education and health services lost 1,400 jobs, an 0.8 percent decline. Most of these losses were in health care and social assistance.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities lost 1,000 jobs, a 0.4 percent decline. The losses were in retail trade.
 - Construction lost 600 jobs, a 1.0 percent decrease, primarily in construction of buildings and specialty trade contractors.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over-the-year job gains. These gains were primarily in the following areas:
 - Education and health services gained 5,000 jobs, a 2.8 percent increase. The majority of these gains were in health care and social assistance.
 - Professional and business services gained 2,100 jobs, a 1.5 percent increase. The gains were in administrative and support services, waste management and remediation services.

- Manufacturing gained 1,800 jobs, a 1.1 percent increase. These gains were primarily in non-durable goods manufacturing.
- Five of the 11 major industries reported statewide over-the-year job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Government lost 4,800 jobs, a 2.0 percent decline. The losses were throughout the sector.
 - Financial activities lost 3,500 jobs, a 4.9 percent decrease. In this industry, job losses were greatest in finance and insurance.
 - Information lost 2,500 jobs, an 8.2 percent decrease. These losses were primarily in telecommunications.
- There were 21,420 initial claims for unemployment benefits in August 2011, up from 19,706 initial claims in July 2011 and up from 17,632 in August 2010. There were 231,076 continued claims in August 2011, up from 192,155 in July 2011 and down from 235,654 in August 2010. These numbers include Regular, Extended Benefit (EB) and Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) claims. EB and EUC benefits are federally funded through 2011.

The September 2011 Labor Report will be released on October 21, 2011.

Quotes

Karin Brownlee, Kansas Secretary of Labor

“It is difficult for Kansas to recover from a significant recession without faster paced job growth. In August we saw our meager job growth overshadowed by a greater number of people still in need of employment.”

Tyler Tenbrink, KDOL Labor Economist

“Overall there has been no noticeable improvement in the Kansas labor market since April. This lack of employment growth has manifested itself in an increased unemployment rate for the state. This is the first increase in the statewide unemployment rate since July 2009.”

Current Conditions August 2011

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.9%

Seasonally Adjusted

Unemployment Rate 6.7%

Learn the difference between the rates [here](#).

Initial Claims (all programs) 21,420

Non-Farm Jobs 1,310,300

Civilian Labor Force	1,501,970
CPI-Midwest	3.8%
(change since August 2010)	

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